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Join the Detachment 9 Air Force News agency in celebrating a decade of information and entertainment at an AFN open house tour June 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and second floors of Bitburg Annex building 2011. The agency went on air June 6, 1994.

News Briefs

Command chief moves

52nd Fighter Wing acting Command Chief Master Sgt. Chris Kelley has been assigned to the 38th Combat Support Wing at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, as command chief. He will be replaced at the 52nd FW by Chief Master Sgt. James Kelly Jr., who is currently the chief master sergeant of the 347th Maintenance Group at Moody AFB, Ga. He begins duty here in mid-July.

Memorial Day ceremony

The U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg and the American Battle Monuments Commission hosts its annual Memorial Day ceremony Saturday at 2 p.m. The event is at the American Cemetery and Memorial in Hamm, Luxembourg. The ceremony is open to the public, with limited seating and parking at the cemetery. Guests should be seated by 1:45 p.m.

Memorial Day hours, closures

The Pass and Registration office will be closed Friday for end of the month inventory, as well as on Memorial Day.

The Team Eifel post offices will have limited services on Memorial Day. Finance, customer service and parcel pick-up will be open from 8 a.m. to noon. Normal services resume Tuesday.

Shuttle route change

Team Eifel members living in dorms 332, 333 and 335, who normally ride the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron shuttle bus, need to catch the bus at dorm 226 from now until June 4. This is due to construction on Memorial Drive.

Wheels up!

The Fightin' Hawks sharpen their skills at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Read "Fightin' Hawks fly over Idaho skies" on Page 4.



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Airman Stacey Moless

Willkommen!

German Federal Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder (right) and parliamentarian, Dr. Elke Leonhard (center), landed at Spangdahlem Air Base enroute to a Trier event May 14. The party was welcomed by the 52nd Fighter Wing Vice Commander, Col. Thomas Groznik, upon arrival. The special visitors later departed from Spangdahlem AB.

Memorial Day -- paying homage to America's fallen war heroes

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- Each Memorial Day weekend, we honor and pay homage to the sacrifices made by our nation's patriots; the brave young Americans who brought their courage and devotion to a difficult fight, liberating oppressed nations and providing freedoms and a better way of life.

Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines have served and fought on many fronts in many theaters, and thousands have paid the ultimate price. Then and now, military men and women answer a great calling and live by principles that would have them sacrifice their lives for the hope and promise of a peaceful, secure future for others. Still today, across the European landscape, you will find proof of the carnage of two World Wars, but also nations prospering and living largely at peace.

Not far from here, the Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avold, France, is the final resting place for 10,489 of our American patriots who died fighting to liberate France during WWII. The seemingly endless rows of white headstones serve

as a poignant reminder of the enormity of America's loss to regain freedom on the European continent. Around the world, 22 other American Battle Monuments Commission (www.abmc.gov) cemeteries solemnly honor America's sons and daughters.

Today in Iraq and Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Global War on Terrorism, our men and women in uniform fight an enemy alongside our coalition allies; laying down their lives while protecting Americans at home and providing a better life for people they've never met or known.

As we pay tribute to America's fallen warriors this Memorial Day, and in early June recognize the 60th anniversary of the Allied D-Day landings in Normandy, I encourage you and your family members to reflect on those who've made tremendous sacrifice in the name of democracy, freedom and liberty. Take the time in between barbecues and outings to reflect, remember and respect those brave souls who paved the way for the democratic life we so cherish today. And thank you for the service you are providing as you continue to bring your courage to the fight. Your dedication and commitment honors the hope and promise of our predecessors.

USAFE commander: Play it SMART this summer ...

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- The summer, and the weather that it brings, is a great time to enjoy the many travel opportunities we have here in Europe. But because of that, it's also a time of increased risk.

Each summer, U.S. Air Forces in Europe members are needlessly injured in recreational activities. In worst-case scenarios, loved ones, friends and coworkers are left to mourn.

Our USAFE team continues to rise to the tasks and challenges of being one of the

busiest commands within the Air Force, and it's important to enjoy some time

off; but it's essential that we keep safety first and foremost in our minds.

Vehicle mishaps are the leading cause of accidental deaths of our USAFE members and their families - particularly during the summer months. Driving defensively, wearing seat-

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belts, adjusting your following distance and speed to match the road and traffic conditions and not drinking and driving are critical steps in ensuring the safety of you and your families while on the road.

No one is immune to mishaps or the distractions that often precede them. We are all susceptible whether on the job, at home or while traveling. Through careful planning, applying effective risk management and staying attuned to our environment we can reduce the potential for a mishap.

As we enter the "101 Critical Days of

Summer", which runs from May 28 through Sept. 6, I ask that you remember and live by our USAFE Summer Campaign slogan for this year, "This summer play it 'SMART!'" This theme, which supports Project SMART, ties directly to our goal of preventing mishaps.

I challenge you to bring your courage and play it SMART this summer. Every USAFE member is valuable, and by taking care of your wingman, we can make this summer one that is fun and safe! Thanks for all you do in ensuring we're the most respected and feared air and space force in the world.

Deadline approaches for developmental education programs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Mission support officers considering basic developmental education programs in 2005 have until June 15 to apply.

Available programs include:

- ♦ Air Force Institute of Technology
- ♦ Education with industry
- ♦ Space-lift education and crossover program
- ♦ Space and missile acquisition exchange program
- ♦ Acquisition and intelligence experience exchange tour
- ♦ Acquisition and logistics experience exchange tour
- ♦ Comptroller operation logistics tour
- ♦ Lean aerospace initiative
- ♦ Fellowship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- ♦ Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School
- ♦ Communications and information engineering exchange
- ♦ Civil and developmental engineering exchange
- ♦ Financial management leadership program

"These programs are great opportunities for young officers," said Lt. Col. Phil Cooper, deputy chief of the mission support officer assignments division at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "All officers should take the time to check into developmental programs such as these and apply if it seems right for their progression."

Officers in mission-support related career fields may be able to apply for one or more developmental programs. Also, officers in intelligence and space and missiles can apply for exchange programs with the acquisition career fields.

The officers must be released by their core assignment team before applying. They must submit a completed Air Force Form 3849, "PME/AFIT/RTFB Officer Worksheet," to AFPC by June 15, said Capt. Ryan Mueller, developmental engineering assignment officer.

E-mail addresses for application submissions and complete details about each program are available at local military personnel fights or online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/acquis/AFIT05Message.htm.

Operation Night Hawk nabs Airmen for DUIs

By **Iain Lotan**
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel members were involved in seven car crashes last week. One was classified as a major accident. There were also two DUI arrests.

Avoiding a deer caused the major accident.

The only major crash occurred on K-3 near Metternich and Badem. While trying to avoid a deer in the road, a senior airman swerved and lost control of his vehicle and slammed into a tree. The vehicle was disabled and towed from the scene. There were no injuries to report.

Operation Night Hawk saved lives by catching a senior airman on base for driving-under-the-influence. During a DUI check point, a senior airman was stopped by security forces members who noticed an odor of alcohol on his breath. Field sobriety tests were given and the senior airman failed. The senior airman was taken into custody and booked for DUI.

Operation Night Hawk also caught an airman first class on base for DUI. During a DUI check point, an airman first class was stopped by security forces members who noticed an odor of alcohol on her breath. Field sobriety tests were given, which the airman first class failed. The airman first class was arrested for DUI.

There were six minor crashes last week. One occurred in a parking lot, four from inattentive driving and one from improper backing.

52nd Medical Group earns "excellent"

By **Capt. Kyle Gibson**
52nd Medical Group

The Air Force Inspection Agency in coordination with the Joint Commission and Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, completed a week long inspection and rated the 52nd Medical Group and the 470th Medical Flight at Geilenkerchen as "excellent."

The AFIA Health Services Inspection Team examined 120 program elements in 16 major areas finding seven "outstandings" and three "excellents."

Two programs were immediately identified as benchmarks for the Air Force, while many others will be taken back to the Inspection Agency for further evaluation.

The JCAHO surveyors were equally impressed and applauded the high quality and compassionate care saying, "It was one of the best surveys they had conducted," while awarding continuation of accreditation for another three years.



As the team of 12 AFIA inspectors rigorously examined the various programs they identified three individuals as outstanding performers. Maj. Brian Vvyerberg, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Nate Sugatan, 52nd

Medical Support Squadron and Staff Sgt. Glenn Ramirez, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, were all recognized for their outstanding dedication to their programs and the services they have provided.

Ms. Tricia Vadney, the inspection project officer, was also singled out for her flawless coordination of two inspections team visits to various split locations that included Spangdahlem Air Base, Bitburg Annex, Geilenkirchen and Zimmer.

Col. John Lake, 52nd MDG commander, concluded the outbrief by congratulating the 52nd Combat Medics

stating, "the solid 'excellent' rating was a total team effort."

He thanked the medics for "working hard to take care of the most valuable resource our country has ... the men and women of the Air Force."



USAFE Airman Information File

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TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES SHAPING THE WAY WE FIGHT

The first of USAFE's three goals is being *"Ready To Accomplish All Tasks."* From the cockpit to the back shop, from the dining facility to the dental clinic, everyone in USAFE plays an important role in our readiness. One of the primary means to accomplish this goal is to ensure that we fully develop and continuously revisit our *Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures* (TTPs).

TTPs define the way we do business, whether it is commanding an Air Operations Center or running a file plan checklist. TTPs help us address the who, what, when, where and why of everything we do and shape the way we fight. Broken down into specific components, TTPs are defined as follows:

TACTICS. Tactics are the employment of aerospace forces performing specific military tasks in relation to each other and / or the enemy.

TECHNIQUES. Techniques are the specialized or situationally unique methods used to perform assigned missions and functions efficiently and effectively.

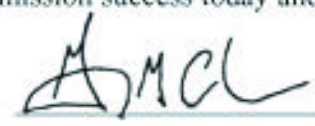
PROCEDURES. Procedures are standard, detailed courses of action, usually outlined in Air Force and USAFE instructions or technical orders, that dictate how we must accomplish a task.

Developing a "how-to" that every Airman understands is not an easy task, but it is essential to success in our expeditionary culture. We expect, and count on, interoperability among different units from within and outside of USAFE, the U.S. Air Force and our Alliance partners. Putting "pen to paper" to create and develop TTPs provides us a common baseline to operate with each other and helps us to identify the tools and resources our people need to get the job done. Organizations, supervisors and individuals at all levels must take the initiative to ensure we have fully developed TTPs for all critical tasks.

TTPs are a critical component to Air Force warfighting. Airmen throughout USAFE must strive daily to understand, utilize and improve our key theater TTPs. Only by working together can we build the comprehensive and consistent tools necessary to guide our day-to-day workflow and focus our overall mission accomplishment.

Stay engaged in the development and proper execution of TTPs -- our mission success today and preparation for the way we'll fight tomorrow depend on it!


General Doc Foglesong


CMSgt Gary Coleman

"Bring Your Courage"



Airman Stacey Moless

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Hermann Schieder

Unit: 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Duty Title: Optometry Technician

Hometown: Schwarzenbach, Bavaria, Germany

Years in Service: Six

Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing success: As part of an aggressive aerospace medicine team, Sergeant Schieder helps ensure 52nd Fighter Wing warriors and their family members here and at geographically separated units get the best vision care possible, ensuring mission-readiness. Sergeant Schieder also recently teamed with airfield operations and ground safety to ensure color vision requirements were met.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: He recently finished his Community College of the Air Force degree and is working on his bachelor's degree in mathematics. He also collected used glasses to donate to German charities and humanitarian missions.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy playing all kinds of sports, hanging out with friends, and spending lots of time with my new little baby girl, Casey.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I love having the opportunity to travel and see many historical places with my wife. I also enjoy being close to my German side of the family again.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved about Spang Air Base? We should have an updated/consolidated hospital facility.

Wing commends new ALS grads

Staff Sgt. Nathan English, 4th Air Support Operations Squadron, Mannheim, received top honors from Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School Class 04-5. During the May 19 graduation ceremony, the airman received the John L. Levitow award. **Senior Airman Brooke Goodman**, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, received the academic achievement award. **Senior Airman Michael Huffman**, Det. 1, 2nd Air Support Operations Squadron, Stuttgart, received the leadership award. Distinguished graduates were **Staff Sgt. Reynold Chong**, Allied Forces Central Europe, the Netherlands; Airman Goodman and **Senior Airmen Christopher Guertin**, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron; Huffman and Aaron Vanvynect, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron.

Other graduates were:

Eagle Flight

Senior Airmen Larry Aguon, 606th Air Control Squadron; **Glenn David Jr.**, 752nd MUNSS; **Brenda Clark**, 52nd Fighter Wing; **Cameron Cromer**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Squadrea Crosby**, 52nd Aeromedical Squadron; **Daniel Dunlap**, 52nd CMS; **Robert Ferguson**, 52nd AMXS; **Adam Jordan**, 52nd CMS; **Michelle Messer**, 52nd Services Squadron; **Chadd Nelson**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Gregory Podobensky Jr.**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Allan Preston**, 52nd AMXS; and **Christopher Rackley**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Falcon Flight

Senior Airmen James Bolen, 606th ACS; **Carlos Gallegos Jr.**, 52nd EMS; **Chad Baldwin**, 752nd MUNSS; **Jeremy**

Hanson, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron; **Brian Loston**, 52nd AMXS; **Koreen Nixon**, 52nd CMS; **Rachel Santana**, 852nd MUNSS; **Karl Schock**, 852nd MUNSS; **Jared Spaniol**, 52nd AMXS; **Andrew Wilson**, 52nd CMS; and **Shireen Yara**, 52nd SFS.

Magic Flight

Senior Airmen Jorge Molina, 606th ACS; **Shawn Bridges**, 52nd Communications Squadron; **Lena Gallegos**, 52nd EMS; **Curtis Hanson**, 52nd CMS; **Dana Hawk**, 52nd SFS; **Kim Howard**, OL-B, 470th Air Base Squadron; **Richard Ingram**, 52nd Comptroller Squadron; **Kimberly Mackey**, 23rd Fighter Squadron; **Richard Matos**, 752nd MUNSS; **Jeremy Montgomery**, Det. 6, 7th Weather Squadron; **Christopher Plourde**, Headquarters Europe Command, Joint Nuclear Operations Center; **Gianpierre Salazar**, 606th ACS; and **Kevin Vinyard**, 52nd AMXS.

Warthog Flight

Senior Airmen Rene Ortega, 81st Fighter Squadron; **Christopher Caler**, 4th ASOS; **Robert Avila**, 52nd CMS; **Marie Collins**, 52nd Dental Squadron; **Donald Ehlert Jr.**, 606th ACS; **Steven Farrer**, 52nd EMS; **Michael Foy**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Naquesha Johnson**, 52nd LRS; **Angelia Lightfoot**, Allied Forces Central Europe, the Netherlands; **Samuel Noel**, 52nd AMXS; **Jennifer Rohrbach**, 52nd Contracting Squadron; **Douglas Schmidt Jr.**, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; **Jason Spade**, 52nd Munitions Support Squadron; and **Kajornsak Thongsrisuk**, Det. 7, Allied Forces North (Staff reports).

Eifel Salutes

52nd Operations Group

Senior Airman Ana

Alvarez took a vested interest in spearheading the 100-percent inventory and modification of the unit's aircrew survival vests and ensuring each pilot had all the required

equipment. A lethal weapon is **Capt. Ben Bartlett**, who graduated from the Fighter Electronic Combat Course and brought increased lethality and electronic warfare expertise to the 22nd Fighter Squadron. **Cpts. Ryan Petersen** and **Matt Allen** led a large-force mission during ELITE 2004, which pits nearly 70 NATO aircraft against a variety of missile and electronic systems. **2nd Lt. Angela Morrison** kept the 22nd FS's OPR's, EPR's and decorations flowing on time between squadron leadership to the 52nd OG and the 52nd FW.

52nd Mission Support Group

Just in time! Hidden Hero **Airman 1st Class Dana Fernkas** won a \$10 AAFES gift card for turning in her volunteer hours before the deadline.

52nd Maintenance Group

It's hammer time for **Staff Sgt. Everett Bisquera**, who, while on a temporary duty assignment to Combat Hammer, took an out-dated safety program and researched with no less than five agencies to get the required information in the program book. Czech this out! **Staff Sgt. Ian Wilson** supported the



chapel's Club Beyond program and traveled with 20 Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex youth to the Czech Republic, where they built much-needed playgrounds for children in the area. **Staff Sgt. Blaine Cox** was the eagle eye who oversaw numerous

Transient Alert facility improvements while performing contract maintenance surveillance. Safe to say **Airman 1st Class Ryan Heidbrier**, recently named 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Person of the Quarter, well deserved his award and a salute!

52nd Medical Group

Chairwomen of the board **Airmen 1st Class Shawna Abete** and **Crystal Lyons** updated the patient safety board -- and nurses jumped in to cover shifts for a fellow worker who had a family emergency. No bones about it -- picture perfect are **Tech. Sgt. Herbert Tucker**; **Staff Sgts. Stacy Brittenham** and **Arthur Davis** and **Senior Airmen Yolanda Davis**, **Christina Haupt** and **Susan Davis**, who keep the radiology department in shape. Code salute to **Staff Sgts. Jodi Rusticelli** and **Maria McConnell**, who supported the emergency room during an emergency until the "all clear" was given. Above and beyond is **Maj. Jay Marque**, who used his astute diagnosis and prompt referral to ensure the healthy outcome of an ER child patient with a depressed skull fracture.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!

(Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura

Top Saber Team

Unit Name: 52nd Medical Group-Commander Support Staff

Unit Responsibilities: The team provides comprehensive personnel action services for all members assigned to the 52nd Medical Group.

Number of members: Six: Tech. Sgts. Paula Ballance and Nicole McClain, Staff Sgts. David Butler and Felisha Whitlow and Airman Robinette Pride (not pictured: Staff Sgt. Tracie Carter)

Team's latest contribution to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: This team of Combat Medics is the key to achieving and maintaining 52nd MDG Officer and Enlisted Performance Evaluation on-time goals. Assigned members generate and track OPRs and EPRs for more than 400 people assigned to four different squadrons located on Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex. Focused attention and diligent work has streamlined the review process for OPRs and EPRs, resulting in an improved tracking system specifically identifying if reports are "on time," thus, improving the 52nd MDG OPR/EPR statistics.

Team's other contributions throughout the year: CSS is the single point manager of all personnel-related activities for the 52nd MDG. This team has worked closely with the 52nd Mission Support Squadron to increase the level of service available to people assigned to the Bitburg Annex hospital who face the considerable inconvenience of traveling to Spangdahlem AB to resolve personnel-related issues. The team members overcome the challenge of split operations by conducting daily "courier" operations, transporting career-impacting information between Eifel East and Eifel West, allowing Combat Medics of the fighting 52nd MDG the ability to focus on providing quality services to Team Eifel members and their families.



(Left) Mr. John Gatens, Mr. Barney Alford and Mr. John Schaffner listen intently as 1st Lt. Bryan Wojcik, 81st Fighter Squadron, explains the features of an A-10 during a visit to Spangdahlem Air Base May 20.

(Above) Airman Ryan Carver and Senior Airman Jason Boling, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, listen to Mr. Gatens's prisoner of war stories during the veteran's visit to the LRS headquarters.

WWII Vets visit Spangdahlem AB Airmen, return to Battle of the Bulge battlegrounds

Story and photos by
Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Battle of the Bulge veterans reminisced during a visit to Spangdahlem Air Base on the 60th anniversary tour May 20.

Mr. John Gatens, Mr. John Schaffner and Mr. Barney Alford, all retired U.S. Army soldiers from the 589th Field Artillery Battalion and 106th Infantry Division, arrived at Spangdahlem AB to meet and talk with young Airmen and see first-hand how Spangdahlem AB contributes to the Air Force mission and the War on Terrorism.

"After hearing Mr. Gatens's story and the experiences he endured during his tour in 1944, it must be very difficult for him to return to a place that would bring back so many terrible memories," said Senior Airman Jason Boling, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron. "His story definitely impacted me by reminding me of the freedom earlier generations had to fight for."

The World War II Society hosted the event. It has been at Spangdahlem AB since 1993, said Mr. Ed Lapotsky, director of the WWII Society and retired U.S. Army Airborne veteran. The Society travels throughout Western Europe, visiting WWII memorials, meeting with historians and listening to the stories of veterans.

The veterans visited 1st Lt. Bryan Wojcik, 81st Fighter Squadron, and his crew at an A-10 display, then hopped on a bus over to the 23rd Fighter Squadron to hear about F-16s from Capt. Travis Ruhl.

The veterans and guests finished out their day in the Eifel with a visit to Bitburg Annex's Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School and to Bitburg High School to meet with students involved in Junior ROTC.

The WWII Society members recently accompanied the three veterans to their old battlegrounds at Baraque de Fraiture Crossroads, Belgium, May 15, a place none of the veterans thought they would ever return to again.

Better known as Parker's Crossroads, it was a classic example of an Alamo defense, where the 589th Field Artillery Battalion, led by Major Arthur Parker III, held out for four days before finally being overrun by elements of the Nazi Panzer Division, said Master Sgt. David Westhausen, 52nd LRS and WWII Society member.

WWII Society members are encouraged to bring along family members to events like this one.

"We really look forward to families coming out here (at Parker's Crossroads). We want children to learn and take things back to their classroom," said Mr. Lapotsky.

The society members listened to the veterans' stories and asked questions only someone who lived through the experience of a war could answer or justify.

"The worst feeling in the world is sitting in a fox hole, freezing to death. It's pitch black, and you hear the clanking of a tank. You don't

know if it's them or us, but then you see the white star (on the side of the tank) and you say, 'come on ... more, more, more!,'" said Mr. Gatens.

As Mr. Gatens started remembering his war time memories, they came flooding back to him as if the events happened just yesterday. He talked about his Army buddies and how they were still his "Band of Brothers."

"I haven't seen these guys from 1944 in years. The minute you see them, it's like yesterday," expressed Mr. Gatens. "They're closer than brothers 'cause you've gone through so much together as young people."

"No matter where they fought on the battle field, we honor all of them because they have given us our peace and freedom. It is their blood and sweat that we have to honor -- and that's coming from the bottom of my heart," expressed Mr. Lapotsky.

Fightin' Hawks fly over Idaho skies, sharing tactics, techniques

336th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

Members of the 23rd Fighter Squadron "Hawks" stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base are flying over in Gunfighter country at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, throughout May for training.

This training is in conjunction with Gunfighter's regular flying. The 366th Operations Group hosts the Hawks.

"The objective of the deployment is to accomplish heavy-weight weapons deliveries and low-altitude training that is not available in Germany," said Capt. Jason Cockrum, 23rd FS.

The team of more than 160 Spangdahlem AB people and 12 F-16CJs will fly in sorties with all three Gunfighter squadrons, getting a chance to see local airspace and Gunfighter ranges while here.

"We have received outstanding support from 366th Fighter Wing squadrons," the captain said.

Moving 160 people and the equipment they need to do their jobs can be difficult and was the most difficult part of the visit so far, said Captain Cockrum. This visit is being assisted by units all over base.

"Fuels, contracting, communications, maintenance and billeting have all gone above and beyond to welcome the 'Hawks,'" said Captain Cockrum.

"As Gunfighters, we are privileged every day to train as an integrated team on the best backyard range in the Air Force," said Col. Dave Goldfein, 366th Operations Group commander.

"Opening this opportunity to our fellow Airmen from the 23rd FS is absolutely critical to improving our lethality Air Force-wide. Sharing innovative tactics and techniques is central to our continual evolution as Expeditionary Combat leaders ... Gunfighters ... who forge ideas into airpower," said Colonel Goldfein.



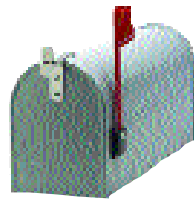
Capt. Sean Penrod, 23rd Fighter Squadron, reviews pre-flight checks with Staff Sgt. Daniel Mueller, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Kathy Myles



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Save big

The Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex commissaries hold a case lot sale Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy up to 60 percent savings on canned goods, soups, pasta sauces, diapers, cereals, household products, pet products and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Spangdahlem AB and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex. The commissaries will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

Bowl o' rama

Get 75 cents off all games at the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center Memorial Day from noon to 6 p.m. Club Eifel members receive free shoe rental. Call Eric Guth at 452-6217 for details.

Luau lovers

An Asian Pacific Islander Luau is Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Eifel East Community Center. There will be free traditional food, live entertainment including Polynesian dancers, martial arts demonstrations, filipino stick dancers, fire dancers, a limbo contest, prizes and more. To volunteer, call Naomi Lunsford at 452-7260.

Spangdahlem Idol

Musical acts can sign up for the Brick House contest, Making the Act, for a chance to win \$1,000 and a six-month contract to perform as the "house" act in the Brick House. Sign up by Tuesday in the Eifel Community Center to be judged by a panel of music industry agents, promoters and a manager, along with Brick House patrons. Qualifying performances are held Fridays throughout June in the Brick House. Call Jake Jacobs at 452-7381 for more information.

Vat office

The VAT office has moved to the Eifel Community Center in the hallway between Anthony's Pizza and the Community Center lobby. Call Susan Brown at 452-6250 for details.

52nd CES spouses

The spouses from the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron meet every first and

third Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Coffee Mill, Spangdahlem AB, building 139, and the second and fourth Thursdays in the Java Joint, Bitburg Annex, building 2012. Call 06575-901217 for more information.

Training day

The 52nd Medical Group closes for a training day Thursday. Anyone who requires urgent care should go to the Bitburg Annex Hospital Emergency room for care.

BHS council members

Bitburg High School needs three parents to serve on next year's BHS School Advisory Council. Those interested must have a student at BHS for the next two school years and must attend monthly meetings. E-mail Mia Checkley at maria.checkley@spangdahlem.af.mil to be added to the ballot. The election takes place at the beginning of the next school year.

Online book club

Customers can register for the Online Book Club and sign up to receive a five-minute portion of books each day via e-mail. By the end of the week, participants will have read two to three chapters of a book. Go to www.usafelibraries.org, click on the "Books in your E-mail" icon and read non-fiction, fiction, teen, mystery or romance books.

Summer camp

The Eifel West Child Development Center accepts enrollment applications for two-year old and three to five-year old summer camp programs. Space is limited. Call 452-9212 for more information.

College outreach

Central Texas College, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Maryland University College, University of Oklahoma and the University of Phoenix will have an information table at the Bitburg Annex BX Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Allen Cannon at 452-7555 for more information.

Golf course

The Eifel Mountain Golf Course is closed until June 10; however, the Pro Shop and Snack Bar are open. They serve breakfast and lunch. Call Lisa Stevens at 452-6466 or Fred McKenney at 452-7867 for more information.

Photography contest

Start snapping pictures in preparation for the annual base photography contest. Groups are monochromatic prints, color prints, color transparencies and digital photos. Categories include military life, people, nature/science, creative effects and computer imaging/enhancement. Prizes will be awarded for adult and youth categories. Entries due June 14-16. Call 452-6841 for details.

Sure Start

Pick-up Sure Start applications now through August at the Bitburg Elementary School front office. Children who will be four years old by Oct. 31, can be enrolled in Sure Start, a comprehensive preschool program. Priority is given to applicants who are E-1 through E-4. E-5 applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For more information, call Tiffany Englehart at 452-9215.

Theater auditions

Auditions for "Into the Woods" takes place Tuesday in the Spangdahlem Elementary School Cafeteria at 6 p.m. The Inter Act Youth Theater is looking for children ages 6-18 for a six-week acting workshop and play practice before the show. The show is scheduled for July 23 and 24. Call Denise Rossignol at 452-7381 for details.

Toby Keith

The United Service Organizations and Armed Forces Europe present Toby Keith with special guest Ted Nugent Memorial Day at 4 p.m. at the Storck Barracks in Illesheim, Germany. The concert is open to all Department of Defense card holders and registered guests. No glass bottles, coolers or smoking are allowed. Large groups and busses are welcome. Call Heather MacTavish at 370-6413 for details.

Club Eifel Happenings

The following events take place in Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

Too bad ...

Capt. Stephen O' Brian missed out on \$300, and **Senior**

Airman John Hernandez lost his claim to \$200 May 14 at the weekly club member drawing. **Capt. Travis Norton** missed his calling last week for \$325, while **Tech. Sgt. Lyman Howard** missed out on \$225. The pot keeps growing. Winners must be present, or the cash carries over to the following week. Names are announced in the ballroom, Stripes Lounge and the Expeditionary Cockpit Lounge.

Congratulations to ...

Master Sgt. Lisa Friend, the winner of \$100 in Hot Food n' Cold Cash for May 14 and **Staff Sgt. Dana Barboza**, last week's winner.

Father's Day

Plan now to bring Dad to Club Eifel's Father's Day Champagne Brunch June 20.

Seating is available at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Due to high demand for this special buffet, holiday brunches are now on a reservation only basis. Club

members have first priority to make reservations and can call ahead Monday to ensure their spot is reserved. Non-member reservations open June 12. Reservations are on a first-come, first serve basis. Tickets must be paid for at the time of reservation, but people may use their club/credit card to reserve their seats by phone. Prices are \$12 for adult members, \$6 for ages 6-12, \$15 for adult non-members and \$7.50 for ages 6-12. Children age 5 and under eat free. For more details, call the club at 452-6090.

Ladies Night

Wednesday is Ladies Night, where ladies get half off all beverages while a DJ direct from the states spins tunes for your entertainment. Wednesday is sure to be a fun night every week.



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Col. Stephen Mueller

Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

■DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil

■Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126

■To PA in building 23.

■Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

MAY Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	687	594	+20
A-10	328	306	+14

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Attitudes

Moments defined by life changes

By Col. James Glaess
52nd Dental Squadron commander

As a dentist early in my Air Force career, I once had a patient ask me if I was happy.

I have had patients ask me, "How long is the tech school to become a dentist, six or eight weeks?" but the question about being happy really caught me off-guard.

I told him, yes, that I was very happy with my life, but why did he ask?

My patient went on to say he had asked the question because he noticed I did not smile very much.

That short discussion made me realize how important perception and attitude are.

I knew that I was happy, but certainly that person's perception of me and maybe many others was not.

In life, we sometimes have defining moments where something significant happens that we

"In life, we sometimes have defining moments where something significant happens that we remember forever."

remember forever. Well, this was one of my life's defining moments.

Something in my life changed significantly that day.

After thinking about my patient's question into the night, I decided I would change other peoples' perception of me from then on, and that I would project a more positive image due to that one innocent sentence, uttered at the end of an appointment.

Let me note that my attitude remained essentially the same, yet adding a more frequent

smile to my "toolbox of life" gave others a more positive perception of me -- even though that positive outlook was in me all along.

I once heard a speaker talk about perceptions and how you are perceived by others.

His question was, if you have a choice on how others perceive you, and you would be perceived on a scale of 0 to 10, 0 being a complete dud and 10 being amazing, why would anyone not want others to perceive them as a 10?

Are you happy, outgoing, positive, or are you solemn, cranky or negative? Each and every day people have a chance to make positive perceptions on their family, friends and co-workers.

A positive attitude and putting your best foot forward will go a long way in making you more happy and successful in life.

Values

Staff Sergeant embraces Air Force values

Life's lessons, core values learned in bathroom, not in classroom

Staff Sgt. Nolan Hildebrand
52nd Operations Support Squadron

When we think about the classrooms in life, I'm sure the bathroom is not at the top of the list. Well, the bathroom just happens to be where I learned my first core value. Trust me, this story will not end up in the toilet.

I was taught "Excellence In All We Do" by my father. My father isn't a retired chief. He didn't serve in the Air Force; he wasn't even in the military, but through his daily actions ... and his shaving mug, I learned an important life lesson. See, my father's shaving mug had a motto inscribed on it, "What Is Worth Doing Is Worth Doing Well."

As a young boy, I would frequently eyeball that shaving mug in hopes of one day putting the lather on my face and sliding the razor across my soon-to-be whiskers.

As a boy, I paid little attention to the motto. Now, as a man, I look back and realize that even though I didn't think about the motto, I internalized it as a core value.

I've been guided by that simple, yet powerful motto every day of my life. I strive to do my best with every task entrusted to me and take pride in the successful completion of the job.

We should all feel pride in our jobs. From Fuels to Finance, from the Post Office to the Pharmacy, we all have important tasks that are critical to Air Force mission accomplishment. We should treat each and every task as mission essential.

The Air Force core value "Excellence In All We Do" doesn't afford us an option of when to give 100 percent, but demands that we give our very best, everyday, in everything we do.

Not all of us have a shaving mug to remind us that "What Is Worth Doing Is Worth Doing Well." What we do have is the core value, internalized, and displayed by the "blue suit" we wear. Our actions and attitudes must represent "Excellence In All We Do" and shine as a beacon of light to the entire world.

Direct Line

Question: My question concerns the Information, Tickets and Tours Office. I tried to call the office air-line travel section several times from April 29 to May 1 to schedule an appointment, but the phone just rang and rang. I tried again the all day on May 3, but still no answer. I finally called the bus tour section to see if they were able to pencil me in the appointment book, and they said that they couldn't do it.

I ended up speaking to the supervisor, Brandy, and I asked her what the procedure was for scheduling an appointment. I explained to her that I had called numerous times, but the call went unanswered. She said that the office was short-manned that week. I told her that I completely understood and asked if there was another way to schedule an appointment. She said there was an e-mail address, which is not publicized, that I could send my request to, and they would get back to me. I asked if they check the e-mail daily and she said, "Yes." So I sent the e-mail May 3 after speaking with Brandy. Well here it is, after 3 p.m. May 5, and I still haven't received a response from ITT about an appointment. Also, why didn't Brandy offer to make one for me when I had her on the phone?

I realize that this is the peak travel season for military and family members, but there has got to be a better way to schedule an appointment. Maybe they can set up a database on the Spangdahlem Air Base shared drive so individuals can schedule their own appointments. There used to be something similar offered by the Military Personnel Flight when they were issuing the new ID cards. Our only other alternative is to show up at ITT at 9:30 a.m. (they open at 10 a.m.) and hope we first in line, as suggested by Brandy. I'm active duty and work on the Bitburg Annex, and it's very time consuming to drive B-50 both ways to have to wait an unknown amount of time at an office. It is much more convenient for me to have an appointment.

Answer: Thank you for concerns regarding the leisure travel section of ITT. We deeply regret the problems you experienced and apologize for your inconvenience. This is definitely not the standard of customer service our ITT program and the entire 52nd Services Squadron strives for. ITT has experienced an overwhelming surge in business lately, coupled with manning shortages. However, this is not an excuse for the lack of customer service you experienced.

To handle the increased business, we are adding an additional travel agent. We are also extending the operating hours of the leisure travel section. This should alleviate some of the waiting time for our customers. In conjunction with our increased operating hours, we will look at developing a system where customers can make either web-based or shared drive appointments -- thanks for the suggestion. We hope you will continue to use our ITT services despite this problem you experienced. We strive to take care of each customer, one at a time, to make their tour in Germany a great experience.



The Coffee Mill

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Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Thursday. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 452-9441 or 06565-61-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle

Today

The Alamo (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

In the spring of 1836, General Sam Houston's rallying cry for Texas independence led 200 Texans at the Alamo into history.

Saturday

Starsky & Hutch (PG-13 4 p.m.)

Two 1970's police detectives, Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson and Dave Starsky, rely on street informer Huggy Bear to solve crimes.

Hidalgo (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

In 1890, a wealthy Sheik invites an American and his horse to enter the greatest long-distance horse race ever run across the Arabian Desert -- based on a true story.

Sunday

Hidalgo (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG, 7 p.m.)

A rogue CIA agent has stolen a top secret mind-control device, and Cody has to go undercover in London to get it back.

Thursday

The Alamo (7 p.m.)

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Walking Tall (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

After returning from serving his country overseas, Chris finds out his high school rival, Jay, has infested his hometown with drugs and crime. Chris gets elected sheriff and shuts down Jay's operations.

Spartan (R, 10 p.m.)

A special ops officer, Curtis, is assigned to find the missing daughter of a high-ranking government official. His mission seems to come to an abrupt halt when the girl's death is reported in the media. Curtis believes the girl is in fact alive.

Saturday

Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Eighteen-year-old Katey moves with her father to Havana. Instead of joining the crowd of wealthy Americans in her new neighborhood, Katey befriends Javier, a poor waiter who also happens to be a great dancer.

Walking Tall (10 p.m.)

Sunday

Secret Window (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

A successful writer, Rainey, in the midst of a painful divorce, has a psychotic stranger show up at his doorstep, accusing Rainey of plagiarizing his story.

Spartan (7 p.m.)

Monday

Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Walking Tall (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Make way for bikers

Cyclists flock to Mosel valley for food, wine, entertainment

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Mosel valley, known as the El Dorado for bicyclers, kicks off Hapy Mosel, the largest event of its kind June 6, when roads between Cochem and Schweich belong to peddlers.

German officials said the 150-kilometer stretch will be closed off from traffic between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., turning this area into a recreational center. Happy Mosel is the longest organized bicycle route in Europe.

According to organizers, several thousand people are expected to participate in this unique multicultural sporting event.

More than 50 villages and communities on both sides of the Mosel Wine Street will provide a variety of entertainment such as live bands, folk dancing performances, children's entertainment, a farmer's antique and handicraft market, open wine cellars and more.

Anybody is eligible to join in the fun and either bike, skate or walk from town to town. Original food specialties of the Mosel region, as well as home-made goodies, wine and champagne, can be found on the Mosel people's patios, at various stands, gasthauses and wine cellars.

Happy Mosel sporting events include demonstrations and performances by top athletes in soccer, volleyball, tennis, shooting and more. One major stage for sports demonstrations can be found in the town of Kroev.

Children may enjoy different games, pony rides, face painting, puppet theater performances and others. Another stage offering fun and activities to include musical entertainment can also be found in Bernkastel-Kues, along with a massage tent and a bicycling repair station.

Major activities take place in Zell, Traben-Trarbach, Neumagen-Dhron and in Cochem. Some stores in the Mosel towns may be open Sunday.

There will be additional trains in the Eifel Region for Happy Mosel, so people can transport their bikes at no addi-



Courtesy photo
Happy Mosel takes place annually, attracting thousands of bicyclers, skaters and marchers. The roads will be closed to traffic along the Mosel between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. the day of the event, June 6.

tional charge; however, a train ticket must be purchased.

Special bus service by the Rhein-Mosel Verkehrsgesellschaft will also be available from major Mosel towns. People are encouraged not to use their own cars, but to use public transportation, if possible.

Suggested start-off points for bicyclers are the towns of Schweich, Kroev or Cochem. For those who intend to take the train toward Cochem, Wittlich is the closest train station to depart from for Spangdahlem residents.

Make sure to bring a camera to get some souvenir shots of Happy Mosel. For more information about Happy Mosel, call the Mosellandtouristik information office in Bernkastel at 06531-19433. Inquire about the public transportation schedule.



Out and About



(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. For event tickets, call the Press-Center Trier at 06511-459930, the Trier Tourist Information Office at 06519-780822 or the Trier Ticket Service at 06519-941188, unless specified otherwise.)

- ♦ This Sunday, shop at a flea market at the Piesport Moseltal hall; in the Trier Ratio parking lot; inside and outside the Daun Forum hall; along the Zeltingen Mosel shore; in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra SB market; along the Traben-Trarbach Mosel shore; and at the Cochem Mosel market hall.

- ♦ Participate in a volksmarch of Niederkail Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event officially ends at 5 p.m. This is a popular march featuring 6k, 10k and 20k walks through the beautiful Kailbach valley. Niederkail is located on B-50 or the high road to Wittlich.

- ♦ Trier's unique state garden show continues to take place with highlighted events throughout the week and weekends. Although beautiful flower exhibits may be the focal point of the show, there are more

than 3,000 cultural and entertainment events scheduled to occur at the grounds now through Oct. 24. Entry fee for the garden is 11 euro for adults and 5 euro for children, accompanied by their parents. Groups of 10 people and more, handicapped people, students and military members receive a discount. Season cards and family cards are also available at reduced cost.

To get there from Spangdahlem Air Base, take L-46 to Trier and take the Autobahn to the city. Upon reaching Trier, follow the signs to LGS, which stands for Landesgarten show.

- ♦ Listen to Reggae music June 11 at the Trier Tuchfabrik cultural center, located on Weberbach/Wechselstrasse. The event takes place under the theme "We remember Bob Marley."

- ♦ An organ concert, performed by Prof. Roman Perucki of the city of Danzig, takes place June 15 at the Trier Dom cathedral.

- ♦ Enjoy listening to jazz tunes by the "Brassolution" June 17 at the Trier Tuchfabrik cultural center.

- ♦ Participate in the 34th International Malberg-Eifel volksmarch June 19-20, sponsored by the Spangdahlem Eifel Wanderers volksmarching club. The event

features 5k, 10k and 29k marches. The event starts at 9 a.m., June 19 and at 7 p.m., Sunday. Marches end at 7 p.m. Saturday and at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. For details, call Theresa Stevens at 452-6036 or call the Kyllburg tourist information office at 06563-930243 or 44.

- ♦ A concert by the Jugend spielt Klassik ensemble, featuring a group of young musicians performing classical music, takes place June 20 at the Konz-Karthaus Cloister.

- ♦ Plan to participate in the first German-American Friendship Run of Binsfeld July 4. The event features a 1.7k run for children, 14 years and below, at 9:30 a.m.; and a 5k and 10k run for adults at 10 a.m. The start and ending point is the Binsfeld sports grounds, located on Peter von Binsfeld Strasse. The top runners will be officially honored at 11:30 a.m. during a small presentation ceremony. Prizes include monetary awards. For details on the run and on the community of Binsfeld, go to www.ortsgemeinde-binsfeld.de. Information will be in the German language. Press "Aktuell" to get to information concerning the run.

Those interested in participating in any of the runs should register now at www.ortsgemeinde-binsfeld.de or via fax at 06575-95882.

Medics defeat Services 4-3 in overtime

Story and photos by 2nd Lt. Shannon Collins
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A goal in overtime lifted the 52nd Medical Group over the 52nd Services Squadron 4-3 to win the intramural indoor soccer championship May 13 in the base fitness center.

Though the Services team had an undefeated season, it stumbled in the beginning of the tournament, making the team fight its way up the loser's bracket. The 52nd MDG team entered the championship confident because of their 4-0 lead in the playoffs.

"We've been on a scoring frenzy," said Ryan Wilson, 52nd MDG coach. "We've scored 18 goals on the last three games. We've got a good defensive game, and we play smart strategies."

Eddy Mentzer, 52nd SVS coach, said energy would be a challenge after defeating the 52d Equipment Maintenance Squadron team in a close match in the championship semi-finals.

"We're talking running non-stop for three hours, so it's going to be tough. We've got the skills to do it, but I don't know if we've got the wind to do it," said Mentzer.

The first goal of the game came from Sean Salter of the 52nd MDG on a shot from 10-yards out. The 52nd SVS team evened the score before the end of the first quarter with a goal from Mentzer. Mentzer was assisted on the goal by a key pass from Rick Winland.

The second quarter was scoreless thanks to the 10 shots blocked by 52d SVS keeper Max Pontenila and six shots blocked by 52d MDG keeper Chris Barti.

"They're beating us to the goal. They're playing pretty organized for actually playing a game before," said Wilson at halftime. "But the third quarter is usually our quarter. We're putting a lot of shots on goals; eventually one's going to go in. We're just missing the post, barely. We're going to switch up a little bit on offense and see what we can do."

"We need to get better," said a slightly winded Salter. "We need to shoot goals in and get faster. We have to work hard to win, but we'll win it because we're good, stay together and have good teamwork."

"It's not going to be who earns the goal; it's going to be the team that makes the mistake first that loses," said Mentzer.

"We've got guts, and that's what it takes," added Mentzer, confidence back in place. "These guys underestimated us, and we're just going to take advantage of it. Luck is on our side."



Rick Winland, 52nd Services Squadron, scores a goal off of a corner kick from Edward Reynado while 52nd Medical Group keeper Chris Bart attempts to block during the intramural indoor soccer championship in the base fitness center.

In the third quarter, shots on goal went back and forth until Edward Reynado, 52nd SVS, scored with a corner kick. Jay Wisner reciprocated with a goal for 52nd MDG.

The 52nd MDG team took to the offense in the fourth quarter, with Salter attempting two hard shots. The 52nd SVS team defended the first shot but missed a block when Salter made a pass back to Ryan Wilson for a goal. Mentzer tried to even the score with an open shot but kicked the ball wide of the goal. Mentzer passed to Rick Winland to tie the score with seconds left in the game.

Both teams knew the next goal would win the overtime match. Luck ran out for the 52nd SVS team when Salter made an open net goal, winning the game 4-3 within the first minute in overtime.

"It was awesome," said Salter of making the winning goal. "We played well, we stuck together and just fought to the end."

Though they lost in overtime, Mentzer said he was proud of his team.

"We played hard. We can't do much more than that. This team has a lot of heart," said Mentzer. (Staff Sgt. Carlos Villanueva, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, contributed to this story.)



Winland looks on as Bart blocks a shot on goal in the second quarter.

Fitness Centers

♦ Skelton Memorial Fitness Center

Spangdahlem Air Base, building 152
Monday - Friday, 4:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Phone number - 452-6634

♦ Ed O'Connor Conditioning Center

Bitburg Annex, buildings 2006 and 2013
Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Holidays and down days, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
During exercises, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Phone number - 452-9174

Softball standings

Women's League:		CMS	17
		MSS	0
MDG	10	EMS A	15
LRS	4	LRS	9
AMXS	18	CES A	21
LRS	2	OG/22/23	0
American League:		Scores provided by the 52nd Services Squadron	
COMMA	9		
MDG	6		

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Net worth



2nd Lt. Shannon Collins

Kevin Dustin (left) and Jeff Hollaway, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, attempt a block from Mike Cavaliero (right), 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, during the intramural volleyball championship May 19 in the base fitness center. CES defeated LRS 25-14 the first game and 25-17 in the second game.

Sports Shorts

Volleyball tournament

The United States Air Force Europe Volleyball Tournament is Monday through Thursday in the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center. Twelve teams will participate in this varsity-level event.

- ♦ Monday: 11 a.m., men's game; 3 p.m., women's game
- ♦ Tuesday: 10 a.m., 1 p.m., women's games; 5 p.m., 10 p.m., men's games
- ♦ Wednesday: 9 a.m., 1 p.m., men's games; 4 p.m., 10 p.m., women's games
- ♦ Thursday: Championship games; 4 p.m., women's game; 6 p.m., men's games

Wanted: Rugby players

The Spangdahlem -Trier rugby team needs players for the upcoming season. No experience is necessary. Practices are Monday at 6:30 p.m. on the soccer field behind the Fitness Center. Call Staff Sgt. Palmer at 452-5662 for details.

Flag football

Youth flag football season registration begins Tuesday and goes until July 10. Sign up at the Bitburg Annex or Spangdahlem Air Base Youth Center. Call 452-7545 for more information.